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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takeshi Yasumoto, et al.) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Application No.: Not yet assigned) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: October 17, 2001)
For: Driving Force)
Transmission)
Mechanism, Image)
Forming Apparatus)
Equipped With Such A)
Mechanism, and)
Process Unit Of Such)
An Apparatus) October 17, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 22 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 22 is also attached.

22. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1 or 15, wherein said center shaft
is rotatable integrally with said first and second coupling portions.